

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A method of attaching a fixing to a workpiece using a fastener-driving tool having a magazine containing fasteners and a firing chamber having a barrel with an inner wall for discharging fasteners from a nosepiece of the fastener-driving tool, the method comprising:

providing a disc-shaped resilient member on the fixing;

providing an aperture in the fixing and securing a portion of the resilient member through the aperture;

securing the resilient member to the inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece of the tool;

locating the fixing on the workpiece;

advancing a fastener into the firing chamber; and

driving the fastener into the fixing, thereby securing the fixing to the workpiece.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the securing step includes frictionally engaging the resilient member with the inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece to retain the fixing thereto.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the resilient member is press-fit into the inner wall of the barrel at the nosepiece.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A fixing assembly, comprising:

a fixing adapted for being mounted to a workpiece; and

a resilient member having a first portion secured to the fixing, and a second portion adapted for frictional engagement with an inner wall of a barrel of a fastener-driving tool, the

resilient member having a width and a height wherein the ratio of the height to the width is less than unity,

wherein the fixing further comprises an aperture and at least part of the first portion of the resilient member extends through the aperture and engages the fixing.

9. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the second portion approximates a disc.

10. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 9, wherein the disc has a diameter that is greater than an inner diameter of the barrel.

11. (currently amended) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the second portion has a width and a height, the width of the second portion being greater than the height of the second portion ~~fixing includes an aperture for receiving the first portion of the resilient member.~~

12. (original) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing is a washer.

13. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the fixing has a non-circular shape.

14. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 13, wherein the fixing is a clip.

15. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the resilient member is made of a plastically deformable material.

16. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the second portion of the resilient member further comprises a plurality of deformable arms.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) ~~The fixing assembly of claim 17,~~ A fixing assembly, comprising:

a fixing adapted for being mounted to a workpiece; and

a resilient member having a first portion secured to the fixing, and a second portion adapted for frictional engagement with an inner wall of a barrel of a fastener-driving tool, the resilient member having a width and a height wherein the ratio of the height to the width is less than unity,

wherein the fixing further comprises an aperture and at least part of the first portion of the resilient member extends through the aperture, wherein the first portion of the resilient member including includes an enlarged tip that engages a lower surface of the fixing.

19. (currently amended) The fixing assembly of claim 18, wherein the aperture has a diameter and the enlarged tip has a diameter larger than the diameter of the aperture ~~first portion of the resilient member is attached to a top surface of the fixing with an adhesive.~~

20. (previously presented) The fixing assembly of claim 8, wherein the resilient member is a cupped disc.

21. (new) A combination fastener-driving tool and fixing assembly, the combination comprising:

a fastener-driving tool having a hollow barrel defining an inner wall and a first diameter;
a fixing adapted for being mounted to a workpiece and defining an aperture therein
having a second diameter;

a resilient member having a first portion and a second portion adapted for frictional engagement with the inner wall of the fastener-driving tool barrel, at least part of the first portion extending through the fixing aperture and engaging the fixing, the second portion having a height and a width greater than the height;

wherein the width of the resilient member is larger than the first diameter of the barrel of the fastener-driving tool.

22. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 21, wherein the first portion includes a tip having a diameter larger than the second diameter of the fixing aperture.

23. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 21, wherein the second portion of the resilient member further comprises a plurality of deformable arms.

24. (new) The fixing assembly of claim 21, wherein the second portion of the resilient member is shaped like a disc.